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LOAN LINKS HUMANITARIANISM AND SOUND BUSINESS

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CANADIAN LOAN TO BRITAIN WILL BE IN OUR INTEREST

Long Range Value to Canada's Export Market for Food Products Obvious

WORLD'S GREAT NEED

Condition Calls for Maximum Production—What Should Wheat Policy Be?

By M. McDougall
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, March 13th.—Never have humanitarianism and sound business foresight been more closely linked than in the negotiation of the British loan, and no section of the country seems destined to profit by it more than the agricultural West. That is the consensus of opinion here.

If Accommodation Not Granted

In his speech at Toronto before he went to Georgia to take part in the conference on the Bretton Woods institutions, the Minister of Finance, J. L. Ilsley, outlined pretty clearly what would be the inevitable result if the British failed to get the accommodation which they so urgently need. It would not only delay the economic recovery of the United Kingdom, with the attendant additional privations to its already sorely tried population. It would also seriously affect the economic recovery of this continent. Through force of circumstances it would inevitably make the British concentrate on the development, practically exclusively, of trade with the sterling group of nations, and "the techniques of international trade would rapidly become those of economic warfare, with disastrous effects all around." Let us remember, the Minister urged, "that over a long period the United Kingdom has been our principal, most stable and reliable market."

In each year the amount of the exportable surplus of foodstuffs in this country may vary, but over the years it is about one-third of the total, and most of this is wheat and other grains from Western Canada and meats developed largely during the war, to which the West makes a large contribution. While in a present hungry world there is certainly no difficulty in exporting all the wheat, other grains and meat which are available, we cannot blind our eyes to the situation that would later develop with competitors just round the corner from our main market.

Dependence on Main Market

Our dependence on our main market is obvious. Cheese sent to Britain comes from the East, but the amount of this and concentrated milk that can be exported depends to a large extent on the butter that can be shipped from the Western Provinces to

Only Briton to Come out of Belsen Alive



Harold le Druillenee, a schoolmaster from Jersey, Channel Islands, who was the only Briton to come out of Belsen alive, is seen speaking in the British Broadcasting Corporation's overseas services.

Mr. le Druillenee was arrested by the Gestapo, in the Channel Islands, in 1944 for anti-German activities, including listening to the BBC, and was deported to Germany, where he endured great suffering for eight months in various concentration camps. He was finally sent to Belsen and had been there eleven days when he was freed—twelve days was the limit of life for a prisoner there. After his liberation he spent four months in hospital and had to be fed every four hours, even during the night. He was a witness at the Belsen trials.

Eastern markets.

It is not too much to say that the destiny of the West depends on the European market and the loan to Britain is a major constructive step in retaining and developing this market. It needs no blueprint to show what would be the result on Western economy and the economy of all Canada if the river of export

to this market were reduced to a trickle and we were thrown back solely or nearly so on our own domestic market, with the law of supply and demand working inexorably on prices.

A disturbing problem at the present time is what steps should be taken by this country to make its most

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FIXED PRICES AND ASSURED MARKETS IS BRITISH PLAN

Long Term Policy for Agriculture Is Given Good Reception at Start

MINIMUM PRICES

Government and Farm Organizations in Agreement on General Policy Announced

LONDON, Eng.—The British Government have announced the principles of a long term policy for the nation's agriculture, offering greater security than any former government has ever offered to farmers.

This announcement came a week after publication of a report on agricultural policy from the organized farmers of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, the result of many months of careful thinking and consultation, and there is remarkably close agreement between these two independent documents.

Annual Price Review

The farmers asked for stability in the form of fixed prices and assured markets. These the Government proposes to offer in a form that will enable farmers to know the prices of cereals, potatoes and sugar beet well before the time for sowing such crops. For fat livestock, milk and eggs they will know minimum prices four years in advance, and actual prices three to fifteen months in advance. Every February, the Government and the farmers' representatives will hold a price review, and actual prices for crops, livestock and livestock products will be fixed by the Government for a year or more ahead after each February review. Should it become (Continued on page 9)

Every Day This New Volcanic Island Grows



Here is the first picture of a new day it has been rising and growing, volcanic island, which first appeared above the sea in February about 220 miles from Yokosuka naval base on Honshu, main island of Japan. Every

day it has been rising and growing, and when last reported it had a diameter of 200 yards and was 50 to 75 feet high. The creation of new islands is a common process in the Pacific, but this is the first time in history that a baby island has been photographed at birth, and its development recorded pictorially.

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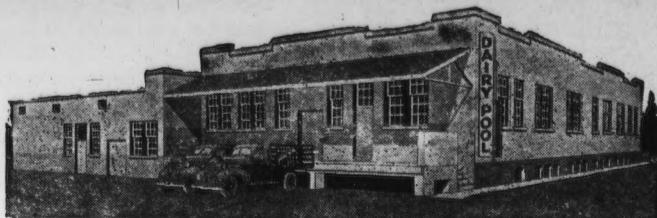
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Our Need Is Parity

By LEN SHERRING, Grainger

NOTE: Len Sherring has been kind enough to accept the invitation extended to all our members to use the columns of The Western Farm Leader when they have something to say which is of interest to fellow farmers. Mr. Sherring has been an outstanding co-operator for many years, and has taken an active interest in all co-operative effort in his community. He was one of the Delegates to our last Annual Meeting. In the article published below he expresses his thoughts on some of the pertinent questions of today. We appreciate your article very much, Mr. Sherring.

Wm Burns

PRESIDENT.

Having been asked to write a few lines for our section in The Western Farm Leader, here goes:

In the latter part of the hungry thirties, the Dominion Government started to put a price on farm produce. Wheat was the first thing they started on. The basis used for making the price was "supply and demand". In 1940 farm produce became scarcer and of course prices began to rise. Then the Dominion Government thought it would be a good idea to have a ceiling for all farm produce.

What to Use as Basis?

Now this put the Government in a quandary. What to use as a basis to formulate prices from? "Supply and Demand" could not be used, because that would mean inflation. It was impossible to use production costs, because production costs are unknown. What then was used? I like to think that it was due to the advice of the various farm organizations across the Dominion that a fairly equitable price was arrived at, and so everything went pretty smoothly while the war lasted.

But now in 1946 we have a different picture. Prices of everything the farmer has to buy are going up, and I do mean up. To mention a few: automobiles, machinery, groceries, dry-goods, in fact everything; and not a little, but around fifty per cent. The results are the farmer's dollar is thrown right out of line. Every day it is getting smaller and smaller.

What caused this upset? It is the gradual inflation of all incomes except farm incomes. How did it start? Our own Provincial Government kicked off with a nice little boost in their indemnity. The Dominion Government followed suit with a wonderful increase, and from then on there has been one mad scramble from coast to coast to get more money.

Parity Prices the Answer

The big strikes down in U.S.A. and the 18-1/2 cent per hour increase all tend to shrink the farmer's dollar. What is to be done about this? I believe the answer is "Parity Prices". If parity had been used as a basis for price setting, it would not have made any difference if the goods we farmers have to buy went up or down, because the farm produce prices would simply go up and down the same as the goods.

Danger Ahead

To deal with another phase of the farmer's problem, it is my honest conviction that 1946 is the most important year in Alberta's farm history. The amalgamation of the three great farm organizations of Alberta, will very likely be consum-

mated by the end of 1946. And it is while this is being done there is a grave danger that the good work accomplished by amalgamation may be undone by the very members of the three organizations themselves. There are far too many saying we are not going to bother about organization until after the amalgamation!

Farmers! This attitude is dangerous! Now is the time as never before to belong to and work for a farm organization.

When the amalgamation finally takes place, don't let it be the joining together of three empty shells, but the joining together of three strong bodies of farmers, determined to pull together for the common good, so that with God's blessing and the help of this new organization, we shall be able to proudly say, in the not too distant future, that farming in Alberta is indeed "a way of life" and not just "a way of existing".

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By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE,
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Replies to Inquiries**Questions Regarding Will**

V.C.—If your will has been properly drawn and signed, naming your son as executor, nothing further has to be done at the present time. In the event of your death your son would have to employ a lawyer to take out letters' probate of your will. If you have land registered in your name it cannot be dealt with until the will has been proven in court.

Might Write Edmonton

J.D.S.—There is no law which relieves you from the bill in question. You might, however, write the Deputy Minister of Health at Edmonton to inquire whether or not the Department of Health makes any contribution in such cases.

UNRRA is using moving pictures to overcome the language barriers in teaching European farmers the use of tractors and other machinery, and approved farm practices.

Sales of the Manitoba Co-operative Wholesale last year totalled over \$2,600,000, it was reported at the recent annual meeting.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary

Too Many Regulations a Nuisance—To move cattle a distance of twenty miles or more requires a special permit from the local R.C.M.P. or the Livestock Commissioner at Edmonton. This is one of the many regulations written into the laws of our Province which are there for a purpose, but in many instances it can form a definite nuisance. At times stealing of cattle by way of truck has been prevalent. To counteract this practice, the livestock branch established the ruling that all cattle moved on foot or truck a distance of twenty miles or more, must secure a permit to do so.

This rule has not been enforced, and consequently most farmers wishing to market a few head of cattle will load them on a truck and take them to market not knowing that they are breaking any laws. The result is a ten dollar fine if a farmer meets the "arm of the law" who is a crank for rigid regulations.

It would appear to the writer that this regulation could stand some modification. As it now stands, hundreds of Alberta farmers are breaking this regulation every day. They see no harm in loading a couple of fat calves into the light delivery and taking them to market.

No Direct Sale of Army Trucks to Farmers—Many farmers who filed an application for an army truck with the A.F.A. office will be disappointed to learn that the policy of direct sales of trucks to farmers has been discontinued. This will mean that they must now deal with their local dealers.

This policy was changed on the ground that it was giving special privileges to one class of people. The Alberta Federation of Agriculture cannot agree with such an argument. The people of Canada originally bought and have paid for this equipment. The farmer paid direct to the Government the price asked for the truck. From now on the trade will handle the sale of this equipment and will be given a chance to make a neat profit on the monies expended by the Canadian people. Is this not a special privilege?

They have been granted this concession on the ground that they will service the trucks and see that they are in first class condition. The soundness of this policy remains to be proven. This office is certainly not in agreement with it and is making every effort to get more trucks released for direct sale to farmers.

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tables showing the types of farms in Canada, farm population, hired workers on farms, farm tenure, values and indebtedness, farm mechanization, and farm revenues and expenditures. Copies may be secured from the King's Printer, Ottawa, at \$2; but special arrangements have been made for ministers of religion, students and school teachers to secure paper-bound copies, at \$1, on application to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

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GREATEST PERIL TO PEACE

"If there is a region of poverty and starvation anywhere, there will be no region of safety anywhere in the world."

With that gift for saying the true and powerful word at the right time that was one aspect of his genius, a great leader of his people in peace and of many nations in war, the late Franklin D. Roosevelt set forth in the brief sentence we have quoted above the essence of the problem—that of survival—that faces the human family today.

The survival of civilization in the Americas, particularly in the United States and in Canada, is absolutely dependent upon the degree in which we may realize in the immediate future our duty and our responsibility in meeting the dire need of those, in Europe and elsewhere, who lack the essentials of life, until such time as their own economy can begin to be restored.

The danger of future war in which all of us would be engulfed lies primarily in the existence of starvation in many lands. Without the attainment of freedom from want, every other freedom must prove Dead Sea fruit. Not only our own standards of living, but life itself for all North Americans must be imperilled.

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That is the supreme and compelling reason for action on our part to meet today's emergency. But there are many secondary reasons—and in some respects more obvious ones. We can't trade with a vacuum, and until the means of trading are restored to other lands, there can be no dependable outlet for our own surpluses—and we Canadians, especially Western Canadians, do depend and must continue to depend in substantial measure upon the export of primary products.

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BRITISH LOAN

In the article on the Canadian loan to Britain which appears on our front page, and in the heading which we gave it, it is asserted that humanitarianism and business foresight alike dictate the course of action which our Government is taking in this matter. We must admit that the word "humanitarianism" is hardly the right one.

There is really nothing of humanitarianism in the repayment of a just debt; and the debt which is owed to the people of Britain, whose treasure was poured out and whose resources were strained in greater degree than those of any other Western nation, to save civilization, could be repaid only in the most moderate degree by any monetary assistance that Canada could give.

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Of course, the granting of the loan is simply good business on our part. It might have been better business if its terms had been more generous. A loan without interest would have proved of greater assistance to Britain in the restoration of her ability to trade with us than the loan that we are making.

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We confess to a good deal of impatience with those who like to haggle over much about the terms of such a loan as this. We Canadians are fully justified, of course, in asking that in return for the accommodation we are granting, consideration should be given in days to come to the need for markets of our own producers of primary products. That consideration, there is every reason to believe, will be

TO BE REMEMBERED

Now anguish stalks through famine-stricken lands, And death's dark shadows o'er their homesteads creep, As little children raise their pleading hands To grasp the food that haunts their fitful sleep. While mothers, weary from the hopeless quest For succor, sit defeated and afraid, Discerning through the world's wide unrest The fathers' sins upon the children laid.

In this rich land we throng the market-place

And lavishly our daily wants supply, With little pause the border-line to trace Where plenty ends and men from hunger die; So slow to learn that Peace will never spread Her gentle wings while children cry for bread.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

gladly given if we are ready to import goods in return. And there is no other method by which Britain can pay for what she may import from us.

We confess, too, to a measure of impatience with those who, at times, in discussion of British affairs, domestic and foreign, seem over-ready, if we may use Kingsley Martin's words, to exercise without restraint the privilege of preaching to the British people, though preaching is "always the privilege of those who have bomb-proof pulpits."

We do not think the British people, whatever their difficulties and embarrassments, should be or would wish to be immune from trans-Atlantic criticism. Perhaps, in some matters, our power to be objective at this time may be greater than theirs, because we may see in perspective much that they must deal with at close quarters.

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Perhaps, also, we ourselves, in developing our marketing policies, have need of perspective; of thought for the long run as well as the short run; of the ability to remember that Western agriculture's interest, for example, will be served best by considering not this year or next year alone—but the obtaining and honoring of guarantees for a long term future.

In any event, however, this year's urgent requirement is more wheat.

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CO-OPERATION IN POST-WAR CHINA

"The largest section of China's post-war economy will have to be organized on the basis of co-operation, whether agricultural or industrial . . . both agricultural and industrial co-operatives have made rapid strides in free China during the war."—H. D. Fong, in *Economic Reconstruction in Wartime China*.

NOT ONE-SIDED

"In order to have a satisfactory domestic market it is essential that those engaged in industry other than agriculture must be kept in a sound financial position in order to purchase the products of agriculture, just as agriculture must be kept in a sound financial position in order to purchase the products of industry. There must be a balanced national economy. It must not be one-sided."—R. H. M. Bailey.

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"Only he who has learned early to spread his soul out wide may later hold the entire world within himself."—Stefan Zweig.

Committee to Deal With Co-operatives and Taxes Working

Next Meeting in April—Issue Is Discussed by Co-operative Conference

As reported in our last issue, those who attended the Alberta Co-operative Conference appointed a committee to present in the proper quarters their views upon the proposals of the Royal Commission on Taxation and Co-operatives.

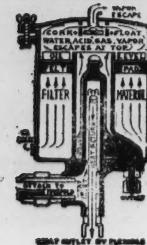
This committee is at work, and it will put its representations into final form at a meeting to be held in April, following a meeting which is to be held in Ottawa under the auspices of the Co-operative Union of Canada.

Conference action resulted from extended discussion, following a most valuable and thorough analysis of the Report by J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., who explained the various recommendations made by the Commissioners.

Among those who took part in the discussion were Ben Plumer, chairman of the Alberta Wheat Pool Board, who expressed himself as opposed to taxation of co-operatives on principle, A. B. MacDonald, General Secretary of the Co-operative Union of Canada, who described the contents of reports he had received from co-operative organizations across Canada, one feature of which general objection to the way the Commission "had brushed aside argument based on the social value of co-operatives"; and M. M. Porter, K.C., counsel for the Alberta Wheat Pool, who was of the opinion that the Commissioners, through no fault of their own but by reason of the nature of their terms of reference, had missed the main issue, which was "examination of the social significance of co-operatives, to ascertain whether they should be tax free."

Describing the recommendations of the Commission in considerable detail, Mr. Brownlee touched first upon those

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which if implemented would not be likely to prove detrimental to co-operatives, later describing those which if adopted would prove adverse to the development of co-operative enterprise.

Among other matters dwelt upon by Mr. Brownlee were the following:

The Commissioners had ventured "the hope" (quotations are from the report) that co-operative associations which had in good faith conducted their affairs "in the light of a possible, even plausible, construction" of section 4 (p) of the Income War Tax Act, "will be accorded relief from payment of taxes on patronage dividends actually or constructively paid to their members since the enactment of section 4 (p)." The Report recommended that patronage dividends in cash continue to be regarded as expense, if paid within six months of the end of the relevant fiscal period.

It was further recommended that interest on loan capital be allowed as an expense; that allocated dividends be exempt under certain conditions; and that there be for new co-operatives complete exemption for three years.

Adverse to Co-operative Development

As against these were other recommendations of a seriously disadvantageous nature. Repeal of section 4 (p) was recommended (co-operatives regarded as coming under this section are not now liable to corporate income or excess profits tax. They would be so liable if Parliament should implement the report.)

The commission rejected the thesis that a co-operative provides a social service not given by a private corporation; it neither accepted nor denied the thesis that a co-operative is a non-profit organization. It was hard to understand the reason for the statement that non-members should be placed on the same basis as members.

After detailing other recommendations adverse to development of co-operatives, Mr. Brownlee stated that fear of taxation had already stopped some co-operatives from building adequate reserves.

In the discussion which followed, Mr. Plumer expressed in emphatic terms the opinion that "implementation of the Report would be disastrous to the co-operatives" as it would put an end to the possibility of their expansion. If required to pay out patronage dividends within six months, how could the co-operatives obtain the necessary funds to carry on their operations? The legislation was intended to nail them to the cross. If the people of Canada wanted to carry on co-operatively, rather than to see all large business in the hands of cartels, who should deny them that right? Co-operatives should not be taxable under the Income War Tax Act or the Excess Profits Tax Act. Similar views were expressed by J. R. Love, Jim Cameron, J. E. Cook, and others.

(The Committee referred to in the above report will function as a contact committee from Alberta with the Co-operative Union of Canada on all matters of concern to co-operatives until such time as a Provincial organization may be set up. It was specifically appointed to explore this possibility.)

State Higher Floor Needed to Maintain Egg Production

Egg production in Alberta may decrease unless the floor price for export is raised, warned delegates to the recent annual meeting of the Alberta Egg and Poultry Producers Association, in Calgary. R. B. Manuel, Innisfail, was elected president; John Beebe, Cochrane, and D. Douglas, Granum, vice-presidents; D. P. Dahl, Standard, George Wall, Beddington, P. T. Woodland, Swallow, E. H. Pye, Penhold, Ray A. Bell, Swallow, E. Cammaert, Rockyford, and Wm. Williamson, Nobleford, directors. Howland Hill is secretary.

The Danish Government has offered UNRRA 10,000 horses and \$1,000,000 worth of fish.

Resist These Forces

Reactionary forces have joined hands in a publicity campaign to regain complete control of economic Canada. The grain trade of the prairies has joined up with the plutocratic tsars of Montreal and Toronto in an effort to induce the federal government to apply income taxation to such public enterprises as the municipal electric light, street railway and waterworks systems, the provincial telephone system, the post office, and the co-operatives. This is an effort to destroy purely service organizations which were never created for profit. If the people's enterprises are taxed your income tax will not be reduced by a single dollar but you will have to pay higher charges.

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Treating Mastitis with Pencillin

Successful use of penicillin in treating various streptococcal and staphylococcal infections in human beings suggested the possibility to two New Jersey scientists that this new "wonder drug" might be effective in treating mastitis in cows.

New Jersey Study—A study, consequently, was undertaken by James M. Murphy, and K. O. Pfau, of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Sussex, N.J., on the value of local injections of penicillin sodium in the treatment of streptococcus agalactiae infection and mastitis in cows.

Fifty-two quarters of 19 cows, infected with streptococcus agalactiae, were treated with penicillin sodium in boiled distilled water via the teat canal.

Three Experiments—In one experiment, 15 quarters of five cows were treated with single injections of 5,000 to 200,000 Oxford units in 50 to 300 c.c. of water. Five, or 33-1/3 per cent, of the quarters were freed of their infection. Seven quarters of three cows whose infection had resisted a single dose of penicillin were re-treated with a single injection of comparable or slightly greater amount two to four

weeks later. None of the seven quarters was freed of its infection as the result of re-treatment. In a second experiment, 10 quarters of four cows were treated with five doses of 10,000 units at milking intervals: total dose 50,000 units per quarter. Six, or 60 per cent, of the 10 quarters were freed of their infection. The effectiveness of the treatment did not appear to be dependent upon the lactation period, the week of lactation, the duration of the infection prior to treatment, the degree of induration present at the time of treatment, or the degree of macroscopic alteration of the secretion present at the time of treatment.

In experiment three, 32 quarters of 13 cows (of which four quarters of two cows were the uncured quarters of experiment two, and of which one quarter had been cured in experiment two and had subsequently become

Choosing Breed of Chicks

Over a long period of time four main breeds of chickens have established themselves as the leaders in egg production and general efficiency. Each breed has its individual advantages. The poultryman must decide which is best suited to his needs. Generally, he should select the one with which he likes best to work, although he should also consider whether he wishes to specialize in egg production, or in general purpose poultry keeping. The following are the four leading breeds, with their specifications:

White Leghorns.—Single Comb White Leghorns have long been the favorite of the poultryman who wishes to specialize in egg production. They lay better, can be kept in larger numbers on a small amount of range, and require less feed per egg than other breeds. From a business standpoint they always show the quickest profit. They mature early, feathering very rapidly, and are ready to lay in many cases around four months old. The

(reinfected) were treated with five doses of 20,000 units at milking intervals; total dose 100,000 units per quarter. All quarters were freed of their infection, regardless of the lactation period or week of lactation at which treatment took place, or the pre-treatment status of the quarter with regard to the duration of the infection, the degree of induration of the quarter, or the degree of macroscopic abnormality of the secretion.

In the dosage used and by the method of administration employed, penicillin sodium was found to be only slightly toxic for the mammary gland in that no direct signs of tissue damage were observed, the investigators reported. There was only slight transitory macroscopic alteration of the secretion and no adverse effect upon the volume of milk production.

Directions for Preparation.—Directions for the preparation and use of penicillin sodium solution are given by the investigators as follows:

1. Five doses of penicillin sodium solution per quarter are recommended. Each dose should consist of 20,000 Oxford units dissolved in 50 c.c. of boiled distilled water administered after each of five consecutive milkings.

2. For each 100,000 unit vial of penicillin, prepare one 250 c.c. bottle of boiled distilled water. The bottles and serum-type stoppers are boiled in one container and distilled water in another. Boil for 20 to 30 minutes. Fill bottles and insert stoppers, being careful to avoid contamination. Cool the water before making the penicillin solution.

3. To prepare a solution of the proper strength (400 units per c.c.) remove about 10 c.c. of boiled distilled water from a bottle with a sterile syringe and hypodermic needle. With needle still attached to the syringe, withdraw the needle and pass it through the rubber stopper of the penicillin vial. Empty and fill the syringe three or four times to dissolve all the penicillin. Withdraw needle and syringe and expel the concentrated solution into the bottle of boiled distilled water from which the 10 c.c. was removed.

4. One 250 c.c. bottle of distilled water, to which has been added the contents of one 100,000 unit vial of penicillin, is sufficient for five single doses. It is best to treat five quarters at a time so that a fresh solution can

eggs are large and white, commanding the best prices, and a large number can be graded "A" Large.

Leghorns are lighter in weight than any of the other major breeds, and there is not so much demand for them as market birds. However, they make up for this on the poultryman's books by their economical and profitable production of eggs.

Standard weights: Hen 4-1/2 lbs.; pullet 4 lbs., cock 6 lbs., cockerel 5 lbs.

Rhode Island Reds.—The Rhode Island Red has great popularity as a farm bird. It is a good egg producer, laying large brown eggs.

Its plumage is of a deep chestnut red, with rich lustrous greenish black sickle feathers in the cockerel and black tail feathers in the hen.

Rhode Island Reds are excellent table birds, long in body, moderately broad, with full breast. They are very sturdy, stand our winters well, and give a good account of themselves in the matter of winter laying.

Standard weights: Cock 8-1/2 lbs.; cockerel 7-1/2 lbs., hen 6-1/2 lbs., pullet 5-1/2 lbs.

Barred Plymouth Rocks.—Barred Rocks have had great popularity as all-round farm birds. They are a typically American breed of fowl which has stood the test of time because of its qualities as a heavy table bird and as an egg layer. They are hardy, vigorous rustlers and make rapid gains in weight. Their plumage is the familiar black and white barred color, well-known in poultry yards all over the continent. The eggs are brown shelled, and of large size.

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Today, New Hampshires are vigorous, sturdy egg-producers, not particularly uniform in color, tending to run to reddish-bay or golden brown, rather than to the deep red-brown of the Rhode Island Red. Their bodies are of a medium length, relatively broad, and deep. Feathers are broad and firm, fitting closely to the body.

Standard weights; Cock 8-1/2 lbs., cockerel 7-1/2 lbs., hen 6-1/2 lbs., pullets 5-1/2 lbs.

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be made for each treatment. One bottle of solution cannot be used for the complete series of five doses for one quarter, inasmuch as this takes 2-1/2 days and the penicillin solution, even when stored under refrigeration as it should be, cannot be expected to retain its potency longer than 24 hours.

The penicillin solution is introduced into the teat cavity by way of the teat canal after milking. The udder should be thoroughly washed and the end of the teat should be scrubbed with cotton saturated with alcohol. All equipment (syringes, needles, cannulas) should be clean and should be boiled before using. A separate teat cannula should be used for each injection.

Feldman's Note. — After reading the above article you will note that while the results of these experiments are pretty well conclusive, it will not be practical for the individual farmer to treat infected cattle himself. The services of a Veterinarian will have to be obtained to ensure correct treatment.

I know that for many of you who live a considerable distance from the nearest Veterinarian, the cost of the five trips to give the treatment as outlined in the article would be prohibitive, so I wondered whether or not something could be done to offset this expense. Talking this over with a well known Veterinarian, I discovered that he had recently treated cows with the whole 100,000 units in one application and had very good success and there was apparently no abnormal reaction in any one case.

Between Friends . . .

By THE FIELDMAN

Many of our friends are now asking what the prospects are for 1946 in order that they may plan their dairy program. Certain products in greatest demand for the war effort probably will not find as large a peace time market. Consumption of other dairy products, notably milk and butter, has increased markedly during the war, and likely a large part of this gain should continue. In general, I think that 1946 will be a year of continued high consumer demand for most dairy products. There are two things, however, which will determine whether or not we are to be able to sell all that we produce, and these are price and quality.

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Elsewhere you will find a list of meetings at which we will be represented. Plan to attend the meeting

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POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Feb. 23th.—U.S. will oppose action by any one power in setting reparations before general settlement agreed on, says Byrnes. Peron, Argentine dictator, (controlling troops, election machinery) said leading over democratic opponent, Tamborini.

Mar. 1st.—Social Democrats, Communists, combine forces in Russian zone of Germany. France breaks off commercial relations with Spain.

Mar. 2nd.—Franco has 200,000 soldiers on French border, say Paris reports. Russian troops withdraw from three districts of Iran; say will remain in others until situation "cleared up".

Mar. 3rd.—Attlee calls for drive to win "war against want."

Mar. 4th.—British protest Russian failure to recall troops from Iran as agreed, says London report. Polish "fifth column" is aided by Americans, and by London Poles, charged in Moscow.

Mar. 5th.—British-American military alliance advocated by Churchill in Missouri address; warns against Russian desire for expansion. Premier of Iran returns from Moscow; talks with Stalin said inconclusive; China rejects Russian proposal for joint operation Manchurian industries, says Washington.

Mar. 6th.—U.S. protests Russian policies in Iran and Manchuria.

Mar. 7th.—Canada will lend \$1,250,000,000 to Britain, at 2 per cent (no interest until after Jan. 1st, 1951). Russians seek billion dollar loan from U.S.

Mar. 8th.—Alexander warns Britain against reducing navy. Montgomery says Germans in British zone to receive 1,000 calories (Belsen inmates got 800). French propose four-power conference on administration of Germany.

Mar. 9th.—British Labor Party scores gains in county elections. Russians withdraw from Mukden, largest city in Manchuria.

Mar. 10th.—Chinese Communist and Nationalist forces struggle for control of Mukden. Italians vote in local elections, first time since 1920.

Mar. 11th.—Pravda charges Churchill speech was effort to incite war. In Ottawa court, four who face charges of revealing state secrets again remanded.

Mar. 12th.—Peron victory, Argentine elections, conceded. Swedish government proposes join United Nations. British troops to quit Lebanon by end of June, French by March next year at latest.

Mar. 13th.—Russian troops moving south from Soviet border towards Teheran and western Iran, Washington state department says. Conservative "Christian Democrats" lead in Italian elections.

With sorrow we have to report the passing of two of our loyal members, Mr. Gustaf Bjelke of Burnt Lake, and Mrs. E. B. Bradbury of Crossroads, and the C.A.D.P. expresses its heartfelt sympathy to the members of each family in their bereavement.

Mr. Bjelke, a native of Norway, homesteaded at Evarts in 1904, moving to Burnt Lake in 1928. He served as a school trustee for about twelve years, and he was most highly respected by all. Mrs. Bjelke died in 1929, and he leaves two daughters and five sons. A large congregation attended the funeral conducted by Rev. Mr. Olson of Donaldson.

Mrs. Bradbury was born in Shropshire, England, and came to Canada with her husband in 1905, when they homesteaded in the Gilby district, moving to Crossroads in 1907. She was a most active and valued member of St. Luke's church, and did fine work in the Red Cross in the two world wars. She was also a Past Mistress of the I.O.B.A. and a member of the Old Timers' Association. She is survived by her husband and two sons.

New Co-op Store at Calmar

On February 23rd another Alberta community officially joined the worldwide co-operative family, when the new co-operative store at Calmar, member of the A.C.W.A., was opened for business under the experienced management of Steve Romanuk, writes J. E. Cook, R.R. 4, Calmar. Eight hundred shares, subscribed by more than 100 farmers and residents of the district, provided the capital structure. If the enthusiasm of the large gathering of members and their families, at a social evening in Calmar Hall, is to be taken as a gauge, adds Mr. Cook, then the new co-op should enjoy very strong support. There was generous applause when Wm. Halina, member of the A.C.W.A. and manager of the Myrnam Co-op, spoke of the real job to a co-operative enterprise in any community—not to enter into dollars and cents competition solely but to produce happiness and satisfaction and a future based on the right to live and let live.

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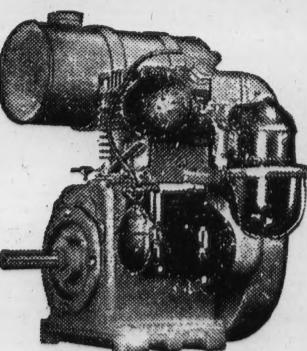
Composed almost exclusively of employees and their families, Canada Packers Operatic Society this year presented two Gilbert and Sullivan operas "The Gondoliers" and "Utopia Limited", in the Eaton Auditorium, Toronto, with great success. Proceeds were in aid of the Save the Children Fund.

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Hugh W. Allen Speaks on
Ontario Hog Marketing Act

Losses which the packers take in Ontario as a result of the black market there must be made up in their Western operations, and this condition tends to depress hog prices in the West, in the opinion of Hugh W. Allen, President of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative, as expressed at the Alberta Co-operative Conference in Edmonton.

Mr. Allen charged that the black market actually controls the price of hogs in Ontario. Packers complain that they are losing money from the resulting boost in prices. Ontario farmers, he said, are generally satisfied with the present condition. They receive a freight subsidy on feed grain and a "black market subsidy" on hogs. The government knows of the black market condition in the East but apparently has taken no move to curb it because such action might prove unpopular.

Compulsory Marketing Scheme

Discussing the Ontario Hog Marketing Act, Mr. Allen stated that "it is essentially a compulsory marketing scheme, not a pool". The scheme was brought into operation after a vote had been conducted through the county agents to see whether producers favored a Provincial marketing board. About 30,000 votes were cast, almost unanimously approving the proposal.

The Provincial board would license all who took part in marketing operations. It would set up a fund on the basis of 2¢ per head of livestock for maintaining the Ontario Hog Pro-

ducers' Association and it would negotiate prices with the packers. It is not the intention to interfere with the existing marketing facilities, but charges presumably would be made uniform. The Act does give the authority, however, to set up a marketing agency if this should be decided upon in the future.

Mr. Allen thought that there might be some difficulty arising from the fact that many Ontario hogs are marketed in Quebec and it is doubtful whether a Provincial board can interfere with sales in another Province.

PRICE STABILITY

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necessary to control the quantity of production of any commodity, the Government has promised to give ample warning.

Committees to Continue

As a counterpart to these measures for security, the Government will make permanent the wartime system of County Agricultural Executive Committees, composed of farmers, landowners, farm workers, assisted by paid technical experts. These committees will be responsible for seeing that the land is efficiently farmed and that landowner as well as farmer pulls his weight. Normally, the efficient farmer will be left alone, free technical advice being made available. But measures, including notice to quit as a last resort, will be taken against landowners or farmers who fail in their responsibilities.

This may sound drastic to Canadian ears; but in our small island, land is so limited that we cannot afford to have it misused. There will, of course, be provision for appeal against the Committees' decrees.

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OTTAWA LETTER

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effective contribution to a Europe and Asia, suffering so grievously from lack of food. Sir Ben Smith, the British Food Minister, has flown to Washington, and will later come to Ottawa, to impress on the two great food producing countries on this continent the extreme urgency of the world's needs.

It is not Europe alone that presents the problem but above every other country India, where simply millions face starvation. Not in any way is it suggested here or elsewhere that the Canadian farmer has not lived up to his commitments. The contribution of Canadian agriculture during the war and in this aftermath, in the face of continuing shortage of labor and other difficulties has impressed the allied nations. If there is a nation that has not lived up to the limit of its commitments it is not Canada.

Reasons for Heart Searching

The intensity of the world's present needs, however, silences any expression of self satisfaction, and does give reasons for heart searching on the part of the consuming public, here as well as in the United States. The condition of the world calls for the limit of production to which the farmer will listen and do everything in his power to increase it. A problem that has been before the Government here has been whether wheat acreage should be raised in this country, and doubtless some word will be received on it very shortly. The point specially raised against too great an increase is that if it is made at the expense of summer fallow, it might be detrimental to the dry areas, and on the other side of the picture is the tightness of the situation in feed grain which supports the livestock. It is agreed that there is need of an increase in feed grains so that the production of meats and dairy products should be lifted, but opposed to this is the fact that it is bread which the world particularly lacks.

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Possibly you remember that in my last letter I was commenting on what two different women had said. Mrs. Strange, you remember, advocated so strongly teaching each child some hobby. She quoted the words, "All true culture of life, of the brain as of the soul, begins with culture of the finger tips." She herself had been started off in life with the hobby of typing and writing with such resultant pleasure and profit to her. Also I told of the use Phyllis Bentley had made of keeping notes—notes of the written word and from life.

Since I wrote that I have read what one other woman says of still another woman who certainly illustrated the truth of both Mrs. Strange's and Phyllis Bentley's habit of life. It was Byrne Hope Saunderson's book *Emily Murphy, Crusader* (MacMillan and Co., price \$3.50) and most interesting it is.

Story of Happy Childhood

The biography begins with the story of her happy childhood in Ontario where, with her four brothers and her sister, they worked and played together share and share alike. One thing her Father did was to insist that his children learn to write properly; and so every Saturday he brought a teacher the sixteen miles from Barrie to teach them penmanship; teach them to hold the pen properly and to move the muscles with least exertion. The author explains how that stood her in stead in the years to come, when she wrote countless letters to countless people; wrote hours on end; wrote friendly little notes to those needing the cheering word; wrote official letters to powers-that-be on such a diversity of subjects.

Also, that training of share and share alike work and fun with her brothers laid the foundation of that urge in her to see that women were recognized as persons along with their Canadian brothers and thus eligible for the Canadian Senate.

As to the habit of keeping notes and letters, the authoress of the book says that in a sense this book wrote itself because she had so much material of which she could make use.

It is a book which should be of great interest to all women—and not women only. But it should be particularly interesting to us Alberta Farm Women, for we shall remember that "Our" Mrs. Parbly was one of the five women on the appeal which Mrs. Murphy pressed to the Privy Council, that women be acknowledged as persons.

The reading of the book will show the broad foundation that was laid for her many activities. It will also show how she made use to the full of the opportunities offered her in the various pursuits which made her busy life. It will show her kindly, sympathetic, friendly nature to those in trouble, her endeavor to right wrongs and dispense justice.

It may also show that while we realized she held an important place in Alberta life, there is always something of truth in the old saying, "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country." But, as I say, I am sure you will enjoy reading this most interestingly written book of a very full life.

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Stony Plain U.F.W.A. are co-operating with the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool in presenting an educational film.

Farm Home & Garden

To Substitute Honey for sugar in making cakes, use 1 cup honey for each cup sugar and reduce the liquid in the recipe by one-quarter.

Vegetable Fish Mold: To the juice of one large lemon add 1/4 cup white vinegar, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. meat sauce, and 1 envelope plain gelatine; add boiling water to make 1-1/4 cups liquid; stir over heat until gelatine is dissolved; cool. Grease mold or loaf tin; pour in one quarter of gelatine mixture; when almost set, make a design with slices of hard cooked eggs, or sliced green pickles, and allow to set. In another bowl, combine half a can dehydrated mixed vegetables (cooked, drained and thoroughly cooled) with 1 small can salmon, flaked, and 1/4 cup chutney, drained. Add balance gelatine/mixture, blend, and fill mould. When thoroughly set, dip in warm water for just a minute, then turn out on platter.

Robin Hood Gingerbread: 1/4 cup shortening (butter or lard); 1/2 cup brown sugar; 2 eggs; 1-1/2 cups sifted flour; 1/2 tsp. soda; 1 tsp. baking powder; 1/2 tsp. salt; 1-1/2 tsp. ginger; 1 tsp. cinnamon; 1/2 cup molasses; 1/2 cup boiling water. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually and cream together until very light; beat the eggs until light and add. Sift flour, measure; add the soda, baking powder, salt and spices; sift again. Mix molasses in boiling water and add alternately with the flour to the shortening, sugar and egg mixture. Bake in well-greased individual muffin tins in a slow oven (300 to 325 F.). Baking time: 35 to 40 minutes.

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Dalemead U.F.W.A. have decided to compile a souvenir community cook book, to celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary. Prizes of \$5 are being offered in two schools in the district, for improvement in spelling.

Following the singing of "O Canada" McCafferty U.F.W.A. (Edgerton) at their last meeting heard readings by Mrs. Crossley and Mrs. Spencer, and made arrangements for their "Welcome Home" dance in honor of Foster Tennant and Arthur Kelly.



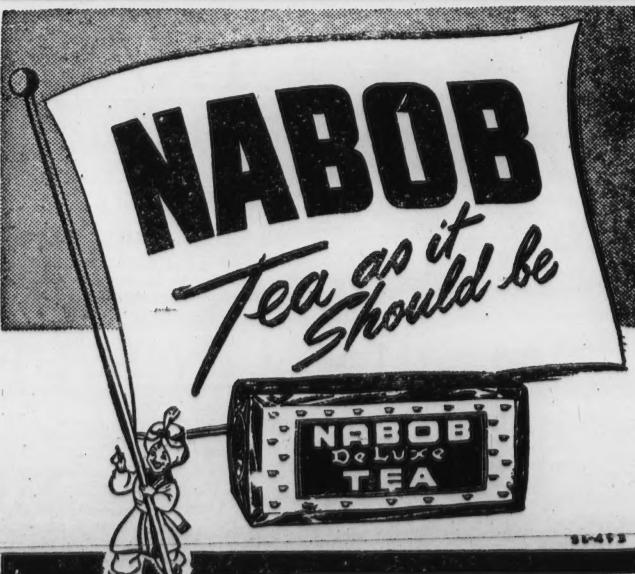
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PEN PALS

Pairing Canadian Farm Boys with
Others Overseas
By LEONARD D. NESBITT

Right now there is an increasing interest in the "Pen Pal" movement, which is merely an exchange of letters between the youth of different countries.

The Canadian Foundation has sent a list of seven English speaking boys in Malta and Africa who wish to correspond with Canadian farm boys. The Foundation does a lot of this pairing-off of Canadian youngsters with youngsters overseas, but this is the first list of young farmers submitted.

Any farm boy in the Canadian prairies who cares to exchange letters with any boy in the undermentioned list should write direct, dealing particularly with the subjects the overseas boys have expressed interest in.

The list is as follows:

John Farrugia, The Lyceum, Valletta, Malta, age 15, interests—farming, Canada.

Joe Aquilina, The Lyceum, Valletta, Malta, age 15, interests—ranching, Canada.

Joseph Carabott, Marsa Boys' School, Malta, age 14, interests—farming, Canada.

Sylvester Balzan, Marsa Boys' School, Malta, age 14, interests—farming, Canada.

J. Strong, European Primary School, Nakuru, Kenya, age 13, interests—farming, bird life, horses, Canada.

J. Marshall, European Primary School, Nakuru, Kenya, age 13, interests—farming, bird life, horses, Canada.

J. H. Baker, Egerton School of Agriculture, Kenya, age 17, interests—subjects of general interest.

Junior News Items

Edward Boratyne was elected secretary by Lake Eliza Juniors, succeeding Valdemar Swanson who is leaving the district.

Turville Juniors (Chigwell) are discussing the possibility of sending members to Farm Young People's Week. Plans for a play and dance were made at a recent meeting, and reports on a skiing party were given.

Roll call at a recent meeting of Ministik Junior U.F.A. was answered by describing an invention, and Bill Roddick read the bulletin on Cheymurgy. A successful dance and an enjoyable social evening were two recent undertakings of these young people.

Nine new members joined Byemoor Junior U.F.A. at their last meeting. Plans were made for a dance and for putting on a play. In return for the use of the community hall free of charge, the Local cleaned it up, put in a new window, and bought mantles and gasoline for the lamps.

U.F.W.A. Local News

Brooks U.F.W.A. recently wrote to Dr. Claxton, asking him to remain in Brooks.

Westlock U.F.W.A. recently passed a resolution protesting against the increased price of gasoline.

Mrs. Lien and Mrs. Jacobson were appointed by Warner U.F.W.A. to arrange a social evening.

The last meeting of Three Hills U.F.W.A., writes Mrs. A. E. Parker, was saddened by the loss of a very early member, Mrs. Cunningham. It was decided to have Mrs. McClung's *Clearing in the West* inscribed in her memory, and placed in the Bateman Memorial Library. This Local recently sponsored a showing of the film "Co-operation", which was well attended.



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+ Training our citizens in first-aid and home nursing — instructing our junior members (42,225 of them in 1,693 branches in Alberta's schools) in health, safety methods and good citizenship—helping and visiting our wounded veterans—ever ready with relief and comfort in disaster—these are some of the services that demand a strong Red Cross in peacetime too.

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The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

On February 1st Canada had on hand a total of 208,600,000 bushels of wheat available for export and carry-over. If this country exports a total of 150 million bushels between February 1st and the end of July, the grand total for the crop year will be close to 356 million bushels, and the carryover will be down to 58 million bushels.

Supplies Diminishing

That seems to be about the best that Canada can do in the way of wheat exports in view of the rapidly diminishing supplies.

The following table gives the net Canadian wheat exports and year-end stocks (carryovers) from 1939-40.

Year	Net Exports (million bushels)	Year-end Carryover (million bushels)
1939-40	192	300
1940-41	231	480
1941-42	222	424
1942-43	210	595
1943-44	344	355
1944-45	343	259
1945-46 (estimated)	356	58

The total of Canada's exports during the war years was thus 1,898,000,000 bushels, or an average of 271,000,000 a year. The annual average exports for the three years ending July 31, 1946, will be close to 350 million bushels a year.

Most Serious Need for Food

It may thus be seen that Canada has done a creditable job in wheat exporting. Nevertheless, the need for food in Europe and Asia has been the most serious in generations. A good crop on an enlarged wheat acreage in the Prairie Provinces is badly needed this year.

Research Primary Purpose

The Science Service of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, with which Dr. K. W. Neatby, formerly of the Line Elevators Farm Service, will in future be connected, comprises six divisions: Animal Pathology, Bacteriology and Dairy Research, Botany and Plant Pathology, Chemistry, Entomology, and Plant Protection. The work is concerned primarily with research problems related to farm animals and plants, and of forests, and is closely co-ordinated with that of the Dominion Experimental Farm Service.

At its new home, Stanford Hall, near Loughborough, a beautiful 18th century mansion, the Co-operative College (British) will have accommodation for 200 students.

An experiment in co-operative farming, by about twenty war veterans, will be made in Saskatchewan, with the backing of the C.C.F. Government of that Province.

Drafting Constitution

Drafting the provisional constitution under which the Alberta Federation of Agriculture will first operate when amalgamation with it of the U.F.A. and A.F.U. is completed, is a committee consisting of Messrs. G. E. Church and R. Hennig for the U.F.A., C. Stimpfle and H. Young for the A.F.U. and L. Hutchinson and Mrs. Winifred Ross for the A.F.A. Next meeting of the main merger committee will be held in Edmonton April 8, 9 and 10.

Ask 40-Hour Week

Both the Alberta Federation of Labor and the Alberta affiliate unions of the Canadian Congress of Labor are asking Provincial legislation to provide for "a 40-hr. work week at same take-home pay"; 60 cents per hr. minimum wage; two weeks' holiday with pay; amendments to certain acts to guarantee union security and amendments to the workmen's compensation act.

Livestock Market Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 12th.—Cattle market steady, with trade fairly active. Hogs sold last \$16.80. Grade A, yards and plants; sows \$12 liveweight. Good lambs \$12.25, good ewes and yearlings \$6 to \$8.50. Good to choice butcher steers \$11.75 to \$12.35, common to medium \$9.50 to \$11.50; good to choice butcher heifers \$10.50 to \$11.50, common down to \$8.50; good cows \$9 to \$9.50, common down to \$7.50; cannery cutters, \$5 to \$7; good bulls \$9 to \$9.50, common down to \$7.50. Good to choice veal calves \$11 to \$12, common down to \$8.50.

Dairy Market

Butter prices remain at the ceiling—36 cents in Toronto and Montreal, 35-1/2 in Vancouver. Locally, butterfat is 33 cents plus 10 cents subsidy; and first grade prints are 36 cents.

RATION 2-1/2 PINTS WEEKLY

Britain's milk ration for non-priority adults has been increased to 2-1/2 pints weekly; the Ministry of Food, however, is concerned about supplies of fats, bacon and cheese, and has stated that it may be necessary to raise the flour extraction ratio, producing a still darker loaf.

Thousands of horses, cattle, mules, hogs, goats and other animals are being shipped by UNRRA to liberated countries in Europe, and to China. They are being secured in the U.S., Canada, South America, Australia, and Turkey.

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Canadian War Assets reports sales of over \$60,000,000, up to January 12th; During the nine months April-December, 1945, ships came first in total sales value, machine tools and equipment second, real estate third, machinery fourth.

The matter of a community auditorium was discussed at a recent meeting of Jenny Lind U.F.W.A., and the committee in charge was urged to take action. The secretary was also instructed to write to the Board of Trade, in Brooks, urging provision of a rest room for country shoppers.

Program for a recent meeting of Clover Bar U.F.W.A., writes Mrs. S. R. Latam, included a paper by Mrs. Schroter on musical composers, presentation of delegates' reports, making of plans for the pre-Conference tea, and a contest on "Trees". Roll call was answered by recipes for meat dishes.

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Line Elevators' Proposal Regarding Price of Wheat and Farm Bodies' Comment

Outline of a letter to Prime Minister King by Cecil Lamont, President of the North-West Line Elevators Association, strongly urging payment to farmers on a basis of not less than \$1.80 per bushel in respect to all wheat marketed since August 1st, 1945, has been widely publicised by radio and in the daily press.

Mr. Lamont recommended "discontinuance of the domestic milling subsidy of 77-5/8 cents per bushel, of which the farmer contributes 30 cents per bushel", (the difference between the price of \$1.55 at which wheat is being sold in the export market and \$1.25 paid by domestic millers—while the difference between \$1.25 and 77-3/8 cents is refunded to the millers by the Government. It was stated Chicago wheat was \$1.98-5/8, Canadian funds equivalent on Feb. 21.)

The letter proposed "The setting up of a Commission to determine proper compensation for coarse grains growers and producers of malting barley" since August 1st, 1945, and also for "wheat sold in past years by the Canadian Wheat Board for milling and feeding in Canada at less than prevailing world prices." Revision of the Income War Tax Act "to make it apply more fairly to farming operations" was also asked.

The statement set forth the opinion that the degree of recovery made by the farming industry during the war years had been greatly exaggerated, and stressed the problems of replacing worn-out machinery and repairing buildings.

"Canadian wage-earners and citizens generally are well able to pay a price for bread commensurate with the value of that commodity without forcing the wheat farmer to sell his wheat at sacrifice prices," the letter stated.

Joint Statement Discusses Proposals

In reference to the letter, a joint statement issued by Lew Hutchinson, chairman of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, and George E. Church, President of the U.F.A., set forth that the proposals of the N.W. Line Elevators had been issued "several months after the Government announced its policy to sell Canadian wheat to Britain at \$1.55 per bushel at the lakehead," and declared the writers did not recall any protest by the Association at that time, although "everyone recognized that the proposed price was below the world price." A very considerable amount of wheat had now been sold at the lower price.

The Canadian farm organizations expected the Wheat Board to realize a fair price for Canadian wheat. "When the Government announced its policy with respect to the sale of wheat to Britain," the writers proceeded, "we were prepared to accept the policy if the Government had good reason to feel it would promote sales for Canadian wheat in the future." The writers preferred to await announcement by the Government re Messrs. Gardiner and MacKinnon's visit to Britain, before making any direct comment, though increases in production costs such as gasoline prices must lead to reconsideration of price levels for farm products. The writers added that the farm organizations had consistently drawn attention to the fact that the consumer of flour had been bonused at the expense of the farmer and would be glad to have the line elevators' support in protesting the unfairness of the arrangement.

Butter Production Drops Throughout World

Canada is not alone in reporting a decline in butter production in the latter part of 1945. The U.S. Department of Agriculture finds that there was a general drop, throughout the important dairy producing countries of the world, in butter production and in the output of dairy products generally.

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By SYDNEY MAY

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Well, it's time, Sydney, you got

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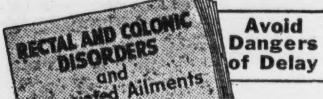
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back down to business and did a little more wisecracking yourself. —Editor.

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THE EVERLASTING NOW

Say not "Time was better then"—
At the dawn of mankind's birth,
Golden days of glory when
God Himself walked on this earth.
Even now His Grace waits
on you,
And the Light that shines
upon you,
Shone on Buddha and on Christ.
—Volodimir Barabash.

Maybè, says the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, a dog is man's best friend because he knows that so many married guys lead a dog's life.

A Scotsman, insists Jock of Midnapore, is the most punctual of men. Yep, sez he, even when Sandy laughs last he's jest in time.

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Hot Ice—What the skating novice sits down on suddenly.

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Passed three score and ten in years,
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Of their labor though death nears.
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Those at least are worth attention
Who shall blame them for their fears?
A pittance can't be called a pension.

Christ himself said to the weary;
"Come to me, I'll give you rest;
Shall we then make life more dreary
For the old who've done their best?
Surely we can face the test—
Face it now without dissension:
It must freely be confessed
A pittance can't be called a pension.

L'envoi
Prince, I beg you now—today,
Legislate to end their tension.
Never more they'll need to say
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—Jack Morris.

FRAGMENT

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—V.B.

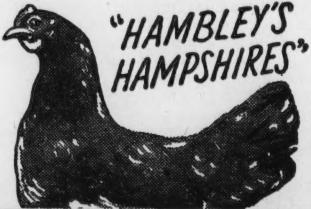
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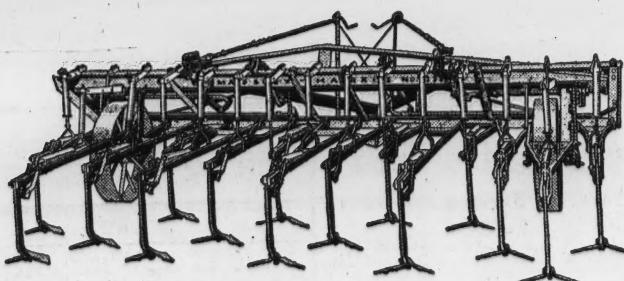


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